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International film festival in Goa

†2473. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are not agreed with all decisions/complete control with regard to International Film Festival in Goa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and the number of countries participating in the said festival and amount likely be to incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) A Memorandum of Understanding was entered into by and between the Directorate of Film Festival (DFF), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India and the State Government of Goa delineating the activities and roles of the DFF and Government of Goa, in the organization of International Film Festival of India (IFFI), 2006.

The Festival was conducted based on the Memorandum of Understanding.

Films from 46 countries participated in the Festival.

An amount of Rs. 1.07 crores has been sanctioned till date by the Government of India for organization of the Festival.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.